

Raised House Bill #6813, "*AN ACT REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY OF EXPENDITURES BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS.*"

Proposed Senate Bill #230, "*AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDS AND RECORDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION.*"

I am submitting my testimony anonymously because my choice of what to do with my money is exactly that, my choice. It was a very personal decision to make a donation to the University of Connecticut Foundation.

I am a new donor to the University of Connecticut Foundation. I am so new that while making my decision to donate or not and which entity to donate to, I learned that the Legislature wants to know who donates to the Foundation and I almost did not make my donation.

Very recently one of my immediate family members almost died. A team of medical experts associated with the University of Connecticut Health Center saved my family member's life. This event was very traumatic and had a life altering effect on me.

My donation was made to thank the medical team who saved my family member's life, to do my very small part to make sure that the team has funds to ensure their training so they can continue their good work, and to help me heal. My donation went to a very specific entity under the University of Connecticut Foundation.

My family member does not know they were at death's door. They do not know about my donation. That is how I want it kept.